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Dear Mr. Morisy:

This is in response to your request dated 12 March 2013, received in the Information Management Services Office of the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) on 12 March 2013. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), you are requesting "Copies of contracts with Booz Allen Hamilton over the past 5 years. Any final reports generated and delivered by Booz Allen Hamilton to the agency over the past 5 years."

We have accepted your request. Before we can begin processing, we will need to have additional information. Fee categories are determined by the status of the requester rather than the third party being used to facilitate the request. Based on the information that you are requesting, we are placing you in the commercial category. In order to be considered for the media category, you will need to provide evidence of your ability to publish. Your request did not indicate a willingness to pay charges incurred. Under the procedural requirements of Department of Defense Regulation 5400.7-R published at 32 CFR 286 (Vol. 52, No. 132, September 1998), requesters must indicate a willingness to pay assessable fees. The "commercial" category of requesters is responsible for all charges incurred for search, review and duplication in the processing.

Regarding the portion of your request for "contracts with Booz Allen Hamilton over the past 5 years," a preliminary search estimates that there may be 10-20 responsive documents. Based on the potential volume of the responsive documents and fees incurred in recent processing of other requests for conformed contract documents, we estimate that assessable fees could reach \$1,000.00 and potentially exceed \$2,000.00.

With regard to "any final reports generated," you will need to more specific in order for us to be able to conduct a specific, non-random search for records.

Your request for a fee waiver is denied at this time. Fee waivers or reductions are granted when there is a public interest in disclosure of information, which will contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the NRO. Until such time as the responsive documents have been reviewed, we cannot determine whether their release would contribute significantly to the public's understanding of NRO operations.

In light of the potential volume of records that may be responsive to your request, the review time involved in preparing those records for release, the requirement for submitter notification to Booz Allen Hamilton under Executive Order 12600, the NRO's current workload and reduced resources, we estimate that response to your request as currently stated will require one to two years.

You have the right to appeal this determination by addressing your appeal to the NRO Appeal Authority, 14675 Lee Road, Chantilly, VA 20151-1715 within 60 days of the date of this letter. Should you decide to do so, please explain the basis of your appeal.

We will hold your request in abeyance for 30 days pending response from you regarding the matters addressed herein. If you wish to discuss potential ways to limit the scope of your request, or if you have any questions, please call the Requester Service Center at (703) 227-9326 and reference case number **F13-0064**.

Sincerely,



Douglas J. Davis
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and Release Group